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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL ON RECEIPT

TAGS: MASS, PK, IR, US

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON IRANIAN F5'S FOR PAKISTAN

1. WASHINGTON POST MARCH 8 CARRIES AFP REPORT DATED LINED ISLAMABAD ON PAKISTANI PLANS FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. REPORT STATES THAT IRAN INTENDS TO SUPPLY AT LEAST 50 F-5 JET FIGHTERS TO PAKISTAN DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THAT THIS DECISION WAS MADE LAST WEEK DURING SHAH'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN.

2. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STATED AT NOON BRIEFING MARCH 7 THAT WE WERE "NOT AWARE OF THAT SPECIFIC REPORT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT ANY TRANSFERS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHATEVER UNDERSTANDINGS WE HAD WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WHEN WE SUPPLIED THE EQUIPMENT." FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO PRESS LATER:

"THE USG MUST APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF ANY US SUPPLIED

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE ORIGINAL RECIPIENT TO A THIRD

COUNTRY. IN DECIDING EACH CASE, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE MAY NOT APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF ANY ITEM WHICH WE WOULD NOT PROVIDE DIRECTLY. OUR PRESENT POLICY PROVIDES FOR A CASE BY CASE REVIEW OF ANY ARMS REQUEST FROM INDIA OR PAKISTAN. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING AN IRANIAN INTEREST IN TRANSFERRING F-5'S TO PAKISTAN."

3. IF ASKED ABOUT REPORT, POSTS SHOULD FOLLOW GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO PRESS.

4. ISLAMABAD AND TEHRAN REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON AFP STORY. INGERSOLL

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